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Emily Oren's 'Piece of Mind' opens Oct. 6

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Emily Oren

The Georgia Southern University Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art and The Averitt Center for the Arts will present Emily Oren's solo exhibition *Piece of Mind* from Oct. 6-27 at the Averitt Center's Rosengart Gallery, 41 West Main Street. A reception for the show will be held during First Friday from 5 -7 p.m. on Oct. 6.

"I'm very much looking forward to Oren's exhibition," said Georgia Southern Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher. "Emily has a very distinct outlook on her art, which she manifests in ceramic form that, quite frankly, is unlike just about any other ceramics I've seen. Going beyond the typical functional vs. aesthetic divide, these works are at once haunting, beautiful, challenging and gorgeous, like 3D illustrations that assert their presence in any room they're part of."

Oren, who received the Judge's Choice award in the BFSDoArt's Undergraduate Juried Exhibition in the spring, plans to graduate in December. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in studio art and a minor in psychology.

"My goal with my art is not only to confront the stigma of mental illness but to also connect with others by bringing to life what is rarely seen on the surface," Oren said. "I love breaking the mold, embracing the ugly, and yelling things people don't talk about. I am best able to do that through my sculptures, and I will never stop. No matter how much the subject is avoided among people."

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) is committed to offering quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare students to become professional artists, designers, art historians and industry leaders. The BFSDoArt